

RUSHVILLE CITY PARK & RECREATION BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009
6:15 P.M.

Call to Order: The Rushville City Park and Recreation Board met on the above date and time at the City Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President, Denny Corn called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members present were Liz Crain, Anna Karen Pennington, Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles, and Tim Yazel. Also present were Parks Director, Dan Mathews; and Clerk-Treasurer, Ann Copley.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Pennington made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Shuppert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports: Parks Director Mathews said the Valentine Dance was a great success. He thanked everyone for their help.

Mathews said he was applying for a grant through the Rush County Community Foundation to resurface the basketball courts and install new goals in South Memorial Park.

Corn said he would like to commend Mathews and his department for the good job they did with the recent snow removal.

Claims: Voiles made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Crain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business: **Rush County Youth Baseball** – Keith Tague and Eric Waggoner came before the Board to ask their opinion on implementing a cut off date for sign up for the youth baseball league.

Corn asked if they could have a pool in case someone quit then someone else could come in.

Tague said the only problem with that is that they have official Cal Ripkin rosters that have to be turned in before the first game. Corn said then the cut off date could be just before the first game.

Shuppert said he just wanted to make every effort possible to allow the kids to play.

Pennington asked about if someone new moved into the community. Tague said they could be added to the pool.

It was determined that the cut off date would be April 1st or just before the 1st game, which ever comes first.

Tague also said that at the major league diamond they discovered that there are blocks that have come loose because of the loss of mortar. Corn said he and Mathews would take a look at it.

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Business: Frank Morton/Softball League – Morton said he is trying to rebuild the league and asked permission of the Board to allow the softball league to start playing earlier this year. Corn said it would depend on how long the girl's high school team played. Mathews said Morton could probably work something out with the high school as long as they didn't interfere with one another. Morton said last year they didn't start until after the fair was over. He would like to start earlier and this would give the college students more time to participate.

Morton said there was a misunderstanding last year on some of the billing. Corn explained that before any maintenance is done that it needs to be approved by the Park Board first.

Morton said there was damage done to the fence when the high school was using the ball diamond. He has gotten estimates and said it will cost at least four thousand dollars to repair. He said there is no way they can do it themselves. He has contacted Dave Green at the high school, but has not received any reply. Corn said the City does not do any maintenance to the diamonds. The City is responsible for cutting the grass, paying the electric, and picking up the trash. Shuppert suggested to Morton that he check with the

Rush County Community Foundation about possibly getting a grant.

There was no further business to come before the Board; Corn adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, VICE PRES.

TIM YAZEL, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

ANNA KAREN PENNINGTON, MEMBER

LIZ CRAIN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY